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JOHN FYFE,

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In the Fall of 1838, at the age of twenty-three, I reached the State of Ohio, without purpose more definite than to meet the good or ill which might befall me. There were two young men in the State with whom I was acquainted, but neither of these, in the part of it I had chosen. Other than these were none whose faces were likely to show pleasure at my approach. Without intending it I had got myself out of reach of family traditions, influences and sympathies. Lately a thought took me to repass the separating gulf. Desirous to know more than I did of my lineage, I found no stopping place short of its first appearance on this continent. The direct lines of descent which include me, and have been traced, are four: The Perrys, Strongs, Grays, and Fyfes, my grandparents on both sides of the house. The Perry line binds together ten generations; the Strong line, nine generations; the Gray line, seven, and the Fyfe line, five generations. Four generations in the middle of the Perry line had been kept; I have added both ends. The Gray line was furnished me substantially as here given by John Gray Perry. Since that part of the pamphlet which relates to him had gone to press, John Gray Perry died at New Haven, Conn., Feb. 25, 1878. The Fyfe line has been stated from material gathered by me. The Strong line was well and lovingly stated in Mr. Dwight's history of the family, down to the marriage of Elizabeth Strong, in 1786.

The patience and pains required to produce the few pages here presented, compel amazement at the extent and variety of details in Mr. Dwight's work. They entitle his opinion to more than the weight of unconsidered favor. He says:

"The Strong family has been one of the largest and best of the original families of New England. In its widely ramified history we have a picture, on a broad scale, of men founding families in the fear of God, and training them to his service from generation to generation, according to the best typical forms in church and State of our ever expanding home growth. They have ever been among the foremost in the land, to found and favor those great bulwarks of our civilization, the church and the school. Many have been the towns, the territories and the States, into

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whose initial forms and processes of establishment they have poured the full currents of their life and strength. Few families have had more educated or professional men among them, scholars, physicians, lawyers, teachers, preachers, judges, senators and military officers."

John Strong and John Perry were only two years apart in their arrival. John Strong arrived in 1630, at Dorchester; John Perry in 1632, at Roxbury. The supposition that Eliot, the apostle, came on the same ship with John Perry, is stated on the authority of a local examiner of much experience, otherwise I should have considered the weight of evidence to be that Eliot came in 1631. He was pastor of the church of which John Perry was a member.

My search has been limited to direct lines of descent, but everything of interest relating to collateral branches of the families, which has reached me, has been added. I belong to the emigrating branches of the Strongs and Perrys. Those portions of both families, which tarried near the great institutions of learning have been, of course, more directly under their influence. Mr. Dwight has shown with lively sympathy and just pride, the number of college graduates, professional and public men, descended from John Strong. My impression is that an equally faithful search, among the descendants of John Perry, would be fruitful of interest in the same direction.

The descendants of John Fyfe and Elizabeth Strong, of Abijah Perry and Experience Gray are all given. The Fyfes and Perrys have been landowners. They do not rest well without a clear title to the ground where they make their family hearths. I have found nothing to be ashamed of in my lineage, much to be pleased with. In these inquiries I have not heard of or seen one pauper or criminal in either line of descent.

Genealogical inquiries disclose with almost startling emphasis, the causes which build up and pull down families. The four families here traced were moved by great vital forces. The branches of them which have been under my observation, appear, for the most part, to be in as good condition and in as good vital force as ever.

At the time most valuable for educating their children, the daughter and two sons of John Fyfe and Elizabeth Strong, were moving westward and unsettled. Yet a large proportion of those children became teachers, during the early portion of their lives.

In one family of eleven, eight were teachers. Mr. Dwight did not write this part of the history of the Strong family, but he unintentionally described it. On page 4 of his introduction, he says: — "The Strongs have been much addicted to bearing off New England ideas and institutions into new settlements. And it has been the ever repeated source of wonder to the author, that, with the very great educational disadvantages of pioneer life, so many families that have been subjected to them in their early development, have come in the end to the superior position to which they attained."

Abijah Perry and Experience Gray were also pioneers in the early settlements of Vermont. One of their sons was educated for a physician. Two of them in early life, were teachers. Nine of their grand-sons lived to maturity. Of these nine, one is a farmer; four were educated as lawyers, two at the Yale Law-school, one at Harvard Law-school and one elsewhere. One of the four died young, one left the profession, and two are yet in full practice at the bar: one in Chicago and one in Cincinnati. One of these has been member of the State Legislature, Member of Congress, Senatorial Elector, etc., and has declined better offices than he has held. Two are now wholesale merchants, one in Chicago and one in Boston; one died a merchant in Albany, N. Y.; one was killed in battle, doing his best for the true flag.

The crumbs of time used in this pious work, are such as fell to it from other and controlling engagements, not helpful to the orderly and well ending of it. Enough has been done to learn how much better it might be. But further waiting to perfect it is deemed unadvisable, partly because I am too busy; more especially because a number of relatives who feel an interest in it are in years quite beyond the usual allotment of human life. They have been much in my thoughts, and have assisted me while gathering the facts here stated. When nearer ties had been riven, in my first days and onward, they were kind to me. Their forms are blended with my earliest impressions: and now nearing their evening horizon they loom upon me.

This pamphlet is printed only for private use. I intend to send it to heads of families within limits of kinship, likely to interest them in the subject. This prefatory explanation is in lieu of a private letter to each.

AARON FYFE PERRY.

CINCINNATI, *February* 25, 1878.

FAMILY OF JOHN PERRY,

OF ROXBURY.

JOHN PERRY came from England to Roxbury, Mass., probably in the ship Lion, in 1632, with the Apostle Eliot, of whose church he was afterwards a member; freeman, March 4, 1633.

In the "Roxbury Record of Houses and Lands," the boundaries of his real estate are given. His will was made June 4, 1642, in which there is provision made for his wife (name not given) and three children. He died of consumption; buried Sept. 21, 1642. Will proved May 7, 1643. The three children mentioned were the survivors of a family of six, the others having died before he made his will.

2d Generation. Children of John Perry: Elizabeth, John, Samuel.

Elizabeth, b. Jan. 25, 1637.

John, b. Sept. 7, 1639. Settled in Medfield prior probably to his marriage with Bethiah Morse in 1665; was in Sherborn as early as 1674; had a home lot assigned him in 1679 upon the plain in Sherborn; was rated for the Indian title in 1686; selectman in 1692-3; will made March 21, 1712, in which he says: "Aged neere seventy and three years," which settles the point as to his being the John of Roxbury, born in 1639. In this will, proved

June 1, 1713, he mentions three children, Samuel, Joseph, Bethiah, and Joseph Morse his son-in-law.

Bethiah Morse, wife of the above, was born Jan. 24, 1648, daughter of Daniel Morse, of Sherborn; m. May 23, 1665; d. in Sherborn, June 3, 1717.

Samuel, b. March 1, 1640; m. Jan. 28, 1668, Sarah Stedman; d. April 6, 1706. Will, Roxbury, March 1, 1705-6, proved June 20; mentions children, John, Thomas, Joseph and Mary.

3d Generation. Children of John Perry and Bethiah Morse: John, Nathaniel, Samuel, Joseph, Eleazer, Bethia.

John, b. in Medfield, Sept. or Dec. 21, 1667; m. July 28, 1691, Sarah Hill. Inventory of the estate of John, and Sarah his wife, taken Dec. 2, 1698.

Nathaniel, b. May 18, 1671, at Medfield; d. in Sherborn, Jan. 28, 1684.

Samuel, b. in Medfield, Aug. 25, 1674, twin brother of Joseph; m. April 26, 1698, Joanna Lovet.

Joseph, b. in Medfield, Aug. 25, 1674, twin brother of Samuel; m. April 26, 1698, Martha Lovet.

Eleazer, b. June 1, 1680, in Shelborn; m. June 19, 1705, Mary Holbrook; d. in Shelborn, June 18, 1706; had son Eleazer b. June 2, 1706.

Bethiah, b. Jan. 11, 1686, in Shelborn; m. Feb. 18, 1707-8, Aaron Morse.

3d Generation. Children of Samuel Perry and Sarah Stedman: Sarah, Samuel, Elizabeth, John, Thomas, Nathaniel, Joseph.

Sarah, b. Jan. 11, 1669; d. Feb. 14, 1683.

Samuel, b. Feb. 23, 1671.

Elizabeth, b. June 7, 1674.

John, b. April 12, 1677.

Thomas, b. Sept. 1, 1680; m. Sarah Aldis, May

30, 1710; she died March 10, 1715-16; he m. for 2d wife Elizabeth Smith, March 21, 1717.

Nathaniel, b. Aug. 27, 1685, bap. Jan. 3, 1686; d. Feb. 2, 1686.

Joseph, b. Dec. 20, 1688.

4th Generation. Children of John Perry and Sarah Hill.

Nathaniel, b. July 23, 1692.

Hannah, b. Oct. 27, 1694.

4th Generation. Children of Samuel Perry and Joanna Lovet.

Hannah, b. March 17, 1698-9; m. John Twitchell, of Holliston, March 10, 1728-9; she was his 2d wife; he married first Esther Sanger, Feb. 2, 1720-1, who d. about 1728.

John, b. June 16, 1703; will, Sept. 22, 1761; real estate distributed May 22, 1770; he m. Mercy —— (according to Morse); John Perry, and wife Mercy, received into the Congregational Church, now Milford, under Rev. Amariah Frost, Nov. 21, 1742, at which time Jedediah, John, Aaron and Mercy were baptised.

Sarah, b. Feb. 10, 1705-6; m. John Eames, 1733, at one time of Holliston.

Samuel, b. Oct. 2, 1708; m. Ruth Leland, April 9, 1735; he removed to Natick; d. Oct. 10, 1755.

4th Generation. Children of Joseph Perry and Martha Lovet.

Joseph, b. Dec. 1, 1699.

James, b. May 15, 1700.

David, b. April 22, 1706.

4th Generation. Children of Eleazer Perry and Mary Holbrook.

Eleazer, b. June 2, 1706.

4th Generation. Children of Thomas Perry and Sarah Aldis: Ebenezer, Nathaniel, John, Oliver, Joseph.

5th Generation. Children of John Perry and Mercy ——: Jedediah, John, Aaron, Mercy, Betty, Enoch, David.

Jedediah, b. March 2, 1728-9, at Mendon.

John, b. April 29, 1731, at Mendon.

Aaron, b. April 17, 1733, at Mendon; m. Mary French.

Mercy, bap. Nov. 21, 1742.

Betty, bap. Jan. 8, 1743-4.

Enoch, b. Feb. 22, 174–, at Mendon.

David, b. Jan. 11, 1752, at Mendon.

6th Generation. Children of Aaron Perry and Mary French: Joanna, Abijah, Aaron, Nathan, Silas, Molly, Anna, David, Ichabod.

Joanna, b. Oct. 19, 1761.

Abijah, b. Aug. 3 or 17, 1761; m. Experience Gray, both born in Princeton, Mass., removed to Leicester, Vt., where both died.

Aaron, b. Jan. 27, 1766; d. in Moira, N. Y.

Nathan, b. Aug. 29, 1767; d. in Worcester, Mass.

Silas, b. April 19, 1769; d. in Moira, N. Y.

Molly, b. April 19, 1769; d. in Princeton, Mass.

Asaph, b. Feb. 19, 1771; d. at Milton, Vt.

Anna, b. Oct. 15, 1773; d. at Elmore, Vt.

David, b. Sept. 13, 1775; d. at Lowville, N. Y.

Ichabod, b. March 9, 1779; d. at Essex, N. Y.

Abijah Perry, was the oldest son of Aaron Perry and Mary French; his father, Aaron Perry, being the third son of John Perry, who was the oldest son of Samuel Perry and Joanna Lovet. Samuel Perry, the last named, was the third son of John Perry, the

oldest son of John Perry, who came from England in 1632, and whose descendants, so far as traced, are before stated. Abijah Perry is remembered by the writer as he was from about the age of sixty to his death. His height was six feet two inches, shoulders high, square and broad, his frame large without being fleshy, hands and feet relatively small, a general personal bearing, indicating self reliance and habit of leadership. His eyes were a blue, steel-gray, with quick, resolute expression, easily touched by the presence of children or the approach of friendship, easily kindled also by undue assumption on the part of others. During the active part of his life he was a recognized leader in the affairs of the town, in the support of schools, the planning and construction of roads, bridges and other improvements. He was for a time a member of the State Legislature, and a Major in the County Militia. Chiefly through his efforts was built the solid and comfortable brick meeting house at Leicester four corners: the only meeting house ever erected in that township to the present time: most frequently occupied by Methodists, but open to all comers. He was himself a Universalist. When the first "alarm" of the approaching battle of Plattsburg struck through that part of the country, he volunteered, with his oldest son, then a youth, the father of the present writer, and they made their way thither. He was faithful and determined in his likes or dislikes, which were apt to make themselves felt. He has left on the mind of the writer the lasting impression of a character, which in a great sphere of action, would have become memorable. After the lapse of more than a quarter of a century since his death, his gait, figure and bearing daguerreotype themselves to my thought, and he seems to carry, as in truth he did, life enough to animate an indefinite number of persons. He was

born, August 3d or 17th, 1764, in Princeton, Worcester Co., Mass., and married Experience Gray, on Feb. 22, 1789, whence they removed to Leicester, Vermont, where they spent their lives and died. They are buried in the grave-yard near the old family homestead erected by them, on a picturesque farm which they redeemed from a wilderness.

Experience Gray, wife of Abijah Perry, was a grandchild of Robert Gray and —— his wife, who came to this country about the year 1700, one from Scotland and the other from Ireland. They made each other's acequaintance on the passage, and were married soon after their arrival. They resided in Worcester, Mass., and had a son Robert, who married Margaret Watts. The children of Robert Gray and Margaret Watts were: 1, Experience Gray, who married Abijah Perry; 2, John Gray; 3, Sally Gray, who m. Abijah Warren; 4, Polly Gray, who m. Joseph Allen; 5, Betsey Gray, who m. James Greenwood, and resided in Millbury, Mass.; 6, Lucy Gray, who m. William Walker; 7, Robert Gray; 8, Anna Gray, who m. Ebenezer Child; 9, Thomas Gray.

John Gray, Abijah, Warren and William Walker removed to Paris, in Maine; they were farmers. Polly Gray and her husband resided and d. in Hardwick, Mass. Robert Gray removed to Providence, R. I., was captain of a vessel in the West Indies trade, and was lost at sea, with his oldest son and all the crew, in 1813. Thomas Gray removed to Athol, where he lived and died a farmer. Anna Gray and her husband, Ebenezer Child, removed to Brandon, Vt., thence to Pittsfield, Vt., thence to Castleton, Vt., where they died at a very advanced age, leaving a family of 13 children.

The Grays were a comely and vigorous family. The writer remembers to have seen Mrs. Greenwood and Mrs. Child in their maturity, women of impos-

ing and agreeable presence. He remembers his grandmother, Experience Gray, chiefly as she appeared in old age, a woman of medium height, regular form and features, who in her younger days was probably handsome, as were all her children. She was an animated, hospitable, kind and pains-taking woman.

7th Generation. Children of Abijah Perry and Experience Gray.

They had children: Abijah, b. April 3d, 1790, d. same day; Aaron; John Gray; William; Polly, b. July 4, 1798, d. July 18, same year; Alexander Watts.

Aaron, b. Feb. 7, 1792; m. May 13, 1813, Elizabeth Fyfe, of Salisbury, Vt., daughter of John Fyfe and Elizabeth Strong, b. Aug. 1790; he died July 10, 1811; she died May 7, 1819. They had one child, Aaron Fyfe Perry, b. Jan. 1, 1815.

John Gray, b. July 28, 1791, m. Feb. 1, 1821, Betsy Gray Greenwood, b. May 27, 1800, at Milbury, Mass.

William, b. April 12, 1797, m. Sept. 27, 1818, Susan Barnum, b. Oct. 25, 1799; d. March 26, 1861.

Alexander Watts, b. May 1, 1801; m. April 9, 1826, Leonora Sanford, daughter of Lot Sanford and Lurana his wife; she d. June 5, 1842; he m. second wife Dec. 20, 1842, Maria Sanford, sister of Leonora, she d.; he m. third wife, Feb. 12, 1861, Mary L. Gile, widow of Dr. William Gile, of Leicester, Vt. They reside in Shoreham, Vt.

8th Generation. Children of Aaron Perry, son of Abijah.

Aaron Fyfe Perry, b. Leicester, Vt. January 1, 1815, moved to Ohio in 1838, first to Columbus, thence in 1851 to Cincinnati; occupation, a lawyer;

has been a member of State Legislature, member of the 42d Congress of the U. S., and held other offices: m. at Cincinnati, March 16, 1843, Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Micajah T. Williams and Hannah his wife.

8th Generation. Children of John Gray Perry, son of Abijah.

Eliza Greenwood, b. Nov. 25, 1821; m. Franklin Skinner, Oct. 22, 1846; residence, New Haven, Conn.; occupation, manufacturer of machinery; she d. June 4, 1862; had children, Anna Elizabeth, Ella Sophronia, Emma Nichols, Charlotte, George, Mary Emily, Frances Eliza; son b. Oct. 5, 1823, d. next day.

Henry Hall, b. April 17, 1825; m. Hannah Brooks, Sept. 1, 1849; occupation, farmer; residence, near Springfield, Mass. Children: Henrietta Betsey, John Henry, Harriet Eliza.

Son, b. April 8, 1827; d. next day.

Son, b. —— 1828; d. same day.

Warren King, b. Oct. 4, 1829; d. Nov. 9, 1829.

James John, b. Feb. 7, 1830; d. May 7, 1833.

Emily Caroline, b. — 12, 1833; d. Dec. 9, 1855.

Waldo Gray, b. May 16, 1836; m. April 3, 1861, Mary Annot Hanover, resides in Washington, D.C.; occupation, clerk in the P. O. Department. Children: Bessie Fronie, Florence, George Franklin.

Mary Angeline, b. August 5, 1838; m. Franklin Skinner, his second wife, Aug. 31, 1863; he d. July 18, 1873.

8th Generation. Children of William Perry, son of Abijah.

Sanford Barnum, b. Sept. 20, 1819; m. Sarah Jane Barr, March 15, 1847; she was b. July 11, 1827; occupation, lawyer, removed to Medford, Mass., thence to Chicago, Ill., where they now re-

side. Children : Frederick Barr, William Nelson, George Barnum.

Mary, b. January 20, 1821; d. March 16, 1821.

Nelson William, b. Oct. 7, 1822; residence, Albany, N. Y.; occupation, Merchant; d. June 21, 1849.

Helen Amanda, b. Feb. 10, 1825; d. Dec. 12, 1872.

Polly Allen, b. March 4, 1830; d. Sept. 25, 1831.

Albert Wesley, b. Aug. 21, 1839, entered the Union Army, received a mortal wound in the battle of Coal Harbor, of which he d. June 21, 1864.

8th Generation. Children of Alexander Watts Perry, son of Abijah; by Leonora, first wife.

Lavina, b. Feb. 20, 1827; m. James Frost, a farmer; residence, Shoreham; d. Aug. 4, 1862.

Cornelius Alexander, b. Oct. 5, 1829; m. Fanny Louise Parker, Jan. 11, 1859, at Virgennes, Vt.; occupation, wholesale dry goods merchant ; residence, Boston, Mass. Children, George Sanford, Blanche Thorne, Florence Louise.

Romeo Bush, b. Dec. 11, 1835; d. Feb. 20, 1865.

Roscoe Abijah, b. Feb. 9, 1840; residence, Chicago; occupation, wholesale grocery merchant.

By second wife, Maria, *Leonora Maria*, b. Feb. 21, 1847; resides in Shoreham, Vt.

9th Generation. Children of Aaron Fyfe Perry.

Ella, b. Dec. 11, 1843; d. June 9, 1851, at Columbus, O.; first burial in Green Lawn Cemetery, at Columbus, O.

Mary, b. Dec. 4, 1845; m. Feb. 21st, 1871, Herbert Jenney, b. Aug. 12, 1839; residence, Cincinnati; occupation, lawyer. Children : Perry Williams, Margaret, Herbert Russell. She was educated chiefly at Mt. Auburn Seminary, Cincinnati, supplemented by private lessons in special studies, and by foreign travel. Mr. Jenney is the son of William P. Jenney,

and Eliza L. B. Jenney, his wife, of Fairhaven, Mass. He was educated in the public schools of that town, graduated from the High School, supplemented education by two years in Middleboro Academy, and two years of scientific studies in Paris, France.

Leonora, b. June 11, 1848; d. July 6, 1849, buried Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, O.

Elizabeth, b. July 3, 1850, at Columbus, educated at Mt. Auburn Seminary, Cincinnati, supplemented by private lessons and by one year with Madame Bersier, Paris, France; m. Nov. 5, 1872, to Dr. Herman J. Groesbeck, eldest son of Hon. William S. and Mrs. Elizabeth Groesbeck, Cincinnati, graduate of Harvard College, of Miami Medical College, of the Royal College of Surgery, at Edinburgh, Scotland; residence, Baltimore, Md.; occupation, physician and surgeon. Children: Elizabeth Granville, William Gerald, Herman Vladimer.

Nelson Williams, b. May 22, 1853, at Columbus; educated in public schools, Phillips' Exeter Academy, Harvard College; now in senior year of School of Mines, connected with Columbia College, New York.

Granville, b. Feb. 8, 1856, at Cincinnati; d. June 12, 1856, buried in Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio.

Edith Strong, b. Aug. 6, 1861, at Cincinnati, educated in part by private governess, in part at Mt. Auburn Seminary, now at Miss Nourse's school for young ladies.

9th Generation. Children of Eliza Greenwood, daughter of John Gray Perry.

Anna Elizabeth, b. Dec. 7, 1847.

Ella Sophronia, b. Jan. 5, 1850; d. June 28, 1851.

Emma Nichols, b. April 28, 1852; d. Jan. 21, 1854.

Charlotte, b. Dec. 13, 1854; d. June 18, 1855.

George Perry, b. July 11, 1856; d. May 19, 1861.

Mary Emily, b. Nov. 26, 1858; m. Dec. 7, 1871, Wm. Atwell Cheney; child, Henry Dunn Cheney.

Frances Eliza, b. April 19, 1860.

9th Generation. Children of Henry Hall, son of John Gray Perry.

Henrietta Betsey, b. July 26, 1853.

John Henry, b. Feb. 13, 1857.

Harriet Eliza, b. Sept. 24, 1860; d. Nov., 1862.

9th Generation. Children of Waldo Gray, son of John Gray Perry.

Bessie Fronie, b. Sept. 4, 1862.

Florence, b. April 24, 1864.

George Franklin, b. Aug. 12, 1873.

9th Generation. Children of Sanford Barnum, son of William Perry.

Frederick Burr, b. May 7, 1848.

William Nelson, b. March 9, 1852.

George Barnum, b. April 12, 1861.

9th Generation. Children of Cornelius Alexander, son of Alexander Watts Perry.

George Sanford, b. July 12, 1861, at Shoreham, Vt.

Blanche Thorne, b. Dec. 19 1865, at Boston, Mass.

Florence Louise, b. May 31, 1872, at Boston, Mass.

9th Generation. Children of Mary, daughter of Aaron Fyfe Perry.

Perry Williams, b. Dec. 29, 1872.
Margaret, b. Dec. 18, 1874.
Herbert Russell, b. Nov. 29, 1877.

10th Generation. Children of Elizabeth, daughter of Aaron Fyfe Perry.
Elizabeth Granville, b. July 20, 1873.
William Gerald, b. Sept. 1, 1874.
Herman Vladimer, b. June 27, 1876.

10th Generation. Child of Mary Emily, daughter of Eliza Greenwood, daughter of John Gray Perry.
Henry Dunn Cheney, b. Jan 5, 1873.

FAMILY of JOHN STRONG,

OF DORCHESTER.

From "The History of the Descendants of Elder John Strong, of Northampton, Mass., by Benjamin W. Dwight, author of *The Higher Christian Education*, and of *Modern Philosophy*, published in 1871," is gleaned all that will be stated concerning the Strongs, down to and including the marriage of Elizabeth Strong with John Fiffe, on Feb. 1, 1786. Elizabeth Strong is No. 9,809 of that History. Her marriage is recorded on page 517. They were my maternal grand parents.

From that work it appears that John Strong was born in Taunton, England, in 1605, removed to London, thence to Plymouth, England. He sailed from Plymouth, March 20, 1630, was landed at Nantasket, Mass., on Sunday, May 30, 1630, at about the age of twenty-five, with a wife and two children. The wife, whose name has not been preserved, and one of the two children, died about the time they arrived. John Strong and others of the ship's company selected, near Boston, a place for settlement, and called it Dorchester. After assisting to found and develop the town of Dorchester, he moved, in 1635, to Hingham, Mass., thence to Taunton, Mass., of which he was one of the proprietors, in 1638. He was Deputy from Taunton to the General Court in Plymouth, in 1641, 1643 and 1644. From Taunton

he removed to Windsor, Conn., and was one of the principal men in bringing forward that town. In 1659 he removed to Northampton, Mass., of which he was one of the first and most active founders. After a prosperous life, he died there at the age of 94. He married for second wife, in Dec. 30, 1630, Abigail Ford, daughter of Thomas Ford, both of whom were of the ship's company, in which he reached America, and both of whom were among those who with him founded Dorchester. He lived with Abigail, in wedlock, fifty-eight years. There were sixteen children of that marriage. Thence sprung a widely spreading family, with branches in almost every part of the United States. A condensed abstract account of it covers about 1600 octavo pages, in Dwight's History, and embraces 28,687 names. Twenty-six of these were graduates of Harvard College; one hundred and twenty-one graduates of Yale; nine graduates of Dartmouth; fifty of Williams College; seventeen of Amherst; six of Middlebury; seven of Vermont University; two of Brown; three of Wesleyan; one of Trinity; seven of Nassau Hall; three of Rutgers; ten of Columbia; five of New York University; twenty four of Union; nineteen of Hamilton; four of Rochester; one of Madison University of New York; five of West Point; one of The College of N. Y. City; six of The Western Reserve College; one of Marietta; one of Kenyon; two of Oberlin; two of Kalamazoo College of Michigan; one of Knox, Illinois; one of Columbian, D. C.; one of University of Va.; one of Bristol, Pa.; one of Burlington, N. J.; one of Upper Canada College. In addition to these, one hundred and thirty six-graduates have united with the family by marriage.

The family has furnished officers in colleges and professional schools, not including tutors, to the

number of thirty-one, not including sixteen others connected with the family by marriage; some of these are and have been among the most eminent men of literature and science in the United States. Mr. Dwight reckons twenty-eight authors, thirteen missionaries to foreign lands; members of State Assemblies, eighty-eight; of State Senates twenty-six; Governors of States, four; Judges of Various Courts, forty-seven; Members of the old Continental Congress, six; of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the U. S., seventeen; Senators U. S., six; Cabinet officers and U. S. Representatives abroad, five. He estimates soldiers and officers in the army and navy: In the French war, four; in the Revolutionary war, forty-nine; in the war of 1812, nine; in the late civil war, two hundred and one. In this list are two Major-Generals, one Rear-Admiral, four Brigadiers, many Colonels and officers of inferior grade.

Mr. Dwight says: "The great mass of Strongs for numbers—two-thirds nearly of all that the author has been able to trace—have been the descendants of three out of sixteen of the eighteen children of Elder John Strong, that lived to establish families of their own, Thomas, Jedediah and Ebenezer Strong."

Thomas Strong was the oldest of the sixteen children born to John Strong of his second marriage. He moved to Northampton with his father; married Mary Hewett, who died Feb. 20, 1670; married for second wife Rachel Holton, of Northampton. He died Oct. 3, 1689, leaving sixteen children; five by the first and eleven by the second wife. The eighth child of Thomas, in the order of birth, and the third by his second wife, Rachel Holton, was his son, *Adino Strong*. He was born Jan. 25, 1676, moved to Woodbury, Conn., became the head of the

Woodbury branch of Strongs; he was a representative to the General Court, in 1726; he married Eunice about 1702; had nine children, and died Dec. 31, 1749, at the age of 73. His sixth child, in the order of birth, was *Reuben Strong*, who was born Aug 1, 1717; married Elizabeth Andrus, Jan. 8, 1740; died April 5, 1794; she died March, 1797. They had eight children: Thomas, Martha, David, Henry, Aeshah, Benjamin and *Elizabeth*, (my grandmother). She was eighth in the order of birth, born March 20, 1756.

I remember her as she was, from about fifty-five to sixty-five years of age. My recollection brings the image of a woman, well preserved, handsome, very neat in her person, abounding in genial humor and cheerful sympathies.

Mrs. Ellen F. Mott, of Hillsdale, Michigan, one of her grandchildren, who was with her as long as she lived, writes of her: "I remember her as a loveable woman; attractive to her grandchildren, because she always interested herself in them; fond of dress and a lover of good things; an excellent reader, with a good degree of general intelligence, a sound judgment and a spice of mirth quite winning." She also relates a humorous reply made by her grandmother to a respectable and respectful offer of marriage, received by her after the age of seventy-five.

Dwight's history says nothing of Elizabeth Strong and John Fiffe since the date of their marriage. The pleasure of tracing them for nearly a hundred years is left to me.

FAMILY OF JOHN FYFE,

OF SALISBURY, VT.

John Fyfe was a son of John Fife, of the county of Fife, in Scotland. His father was a prosperous landowner, who had three sons and a daughter; one son was a seafaring man, at one time commanding a vessel which sailed between Liverpool and New York; another son remained at home and inherited the property. John and his sister came to America. She was married to a Mr. Campbell, and lived for a time in Salisbury, Vermont, near her brother. Beyond this no trace of her has been found. It is supposed that her branch of the family is extinct.

The family tradition is, that John sailed for Boston, Mass., and arrived there about one year before the opening of the Revolutionary war. For a time he found employment in that neighborhood. He served with the Colonial forces while the scene of war was near Boston. He found that the spelling of his name led, in this country, to general mispronounciation, as if spelt Feef. He changed the spelling to Fyfe. Having accumulated means, he bought a farm in what is now the State of Maine, but soon sold it, taking the price in "Continental currency." It fell on his hands until he was glad to exchange the price of his farm for a pair of silver knee buckles. He married Elizabeth Strong, Feb.

1, 1787; with her removed to Salisbury, Vt.; bought a farm near Otter Creek, raised a family and died Jan. 1, 1813. He is described as a man of good stature and presence, considerate of his attire and bearing; of a judicious and benevolent character, with more education than most of the people around him, and to have been greatly relied upon by his neighbors to adjust their differences and clear up business perplexities; he was often upon the grand and petit juries of the country. He left surviving, Elizabeth Strong, widow, with three sons and three daughters. One son moved to Massachusetts; two daughters married and died young, within a few miles of the place of their birth. Two sons and one daughter were, by marriage, separated into different groups, and moved Westward, nearly on the line of latitude of their birth. In 1875 I found one group in and about Perrysburg, Cattarangus co., New York; one group chiefly in the State of Michigan, at Hillsdale, Detroit and Lansing; one group in Wisconsin, Sheboygan co., and at Lake Winnebago. Individuals belonging to the two last mentioned groups had pushed further West, to Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska. Elizabeth Strong, the widow, moved West in 1830, with her son, Lycius, to Knowlsville, New York, and died there in November, 1835, aged about seventy-nine years. Her oldest daughter, Mrs. Doris Hooker, is now living in Perrysburg, New York, about ninety years of age; and her youngest son, Lycyas, at Hillsdale, Michigan, about eighty years of age.

John Fyfe and Elizabeth Strong, his wife, had seven children: John, Doris, Elizabeth, Comfort, James, Dennis, Claudius Lycias.

2d Generation. Children of John and Elizabeth Fyfe.

John Fyfe, b. Oct. 28, 1787; occupation, teacher and surveyor; moved to Massachusetts; when last heard of, twenty-five years ago, was in the town of Scituate; failed to answer letters; supposed not to be living.

Doris Fyfe, b. Dec. 24, 1788; m. Jacob Hooker, as third wife; occupation, farmer; residence, Brandon, Vt.; moved to Perrysburg, Cattarangus co., New York; he died Nov. 25, 1863. They had six children: Mindwell Elizabeth, Jane, James Fyfe, Emma Strong, James Spicer, Susan Wood.

Elizabeth Fyfe, b. August —, 1790; m. Aaron Perry, son of Abijah Perry and Experience Gray, his wife, May —, 1813; occupation, farmer; residence, Leicester, Vt.; he died July 10, 1814; she died May 7, 1815; both buried in burial ground near the old Perry homestead, in Leicester, Vt. They had one child, Aaron Fyfe Perry.

Comfort Fyfe, b. June, 1792; m. Jacob Hooker, as second wife, July, 1823; d. Feb., 1824, Brandon, Vt.

James Fyfe, b. August 10, 1794, Salisbury, Vt.; d. May 6, 1863, at Lima, Sheboygan co., Wisconsin; on Sept. 9, 1822, m. Electa Sanford, at Castleton, Vt., who was b. Dec. 5, 1801, at Westhaven, Vt.; d. Jan. 16, 1849, at Lima, Sheboygan co., Wisconsin. James Fyfe was a farmer; moved from Salisbury in 1833 to Orleans co., New York; thence, in 1843, to Lockport, N. Y.; thence to Buffalo; thence, about 1847, to Lima, Sheboygan co., Wisconsin. They had eleven children: Emily Malvina, Caroline Comfort, Phebe Louisa, Elizabeth, Jane Honorah, James Manoah, Morris M., Martha Antoinette, Clarissa Agnes, Helen A. R., David Sanford.

Dennis Fyfe, b. 1796; d. 1803.

Claudius Lycias Fyfe, b. Jan. 3, 1798, at Salisbury, Vt.; m. April 6, 1825, at Brandon, Vt., Abi-

gail Gilbert, who was b. Sept. 11, 1801; daughter of Richard Gilbert and his wife, —— Moss, whose parents were among the first settlers in Genessee co., N. Y. Claudius Lycias was a farmer; moved to Knowlsville, N. Y., in 1830; thence to Chatauque co., N. Y., in 1833; thence back to Knowlesville; thence to Michigan, in 1837; resides in Hillsdale, Michigan. They had six children: Ellen, Anne, Marion, Jennie, Mary A., Richard Henry.

3d Generation. Children of Doris Hooker, daughter of John and Elizabeth Fyfe.

Mindwell Elizabeth Hooker, b. Nov. 4, 1825, Brandon, Vt.; residence, Perrysburg, N. Y.

Jane Austin, b. Oct. 15, 1827; m. Dec. 2, 1847, to Hiram C. Austin; occupation, farmer; residence, Dayton, N. Y. They have four children: Sylphyna J., Mary A., Ellen D., Samuel H.

James Fyfe Hooker, b. March 19, 1829, Brandon; d. April, 1833.

Emma Strong Shaw, b. April 29, 1831, Brandon, Vt.; m. to Cortland H. Shaw, March 22, 1853, who was b. in Dayton, N. Y., June 22, 1828; occupation, carriage maker, town clerk; residence, Perrysburg, N. Y. Four children: Herbert Cortland, Hamlin Fyfe, Susan Dell, Nellie Grace.

James Spicer Hooker, b. May 26, 1833, Brandon, Vt.; m. Nov. 13, 1856, Elizabeth Caldwell, who was b. January 14, 1834, Dayton, N. Y.; occupation, farmer; residence, Dayton, N. Y. Seven children: Byron J., Carrie E., Hull, Cora, Ellen M., Clyde, Chloe E.

Susan Wood Hooker, b. May 30, 1835, at Brandon, Vt.; residence, Perrysburg, N. Y.

3d Generation. Children of Elizabeth Perry, daughter of John and Elizabeth Fyfe.

Aaron Fyfe Perry, b. Jan. 1, 1815; moved to Columbus, Ohio, in fall of 1838; thence to Cincinnati in 1854; occupation, lawyer; m. March 16, 1843, Elizabeth Williams, of Cincinnati, daughter of Micajah T. Williams and Hannah J. Williams, his wife; b. March 5, 1823. Seven children: Ella, Mary, Leonora, Elizabeth, Nelson Williams, Granville, Edith Strong.

3d Generation. Children of James Fyfe, son of John and Elizabeth Fyfe.

Emily Malvina Fyfe, b. March 17, 1827, at Salisbury, Vt.; residence, Gibbsville, Sheboygan co., Wisconsin; at the death of her mother, in her 22d year, assumed the care of her father's household and the management of his ten younger children; declined marriage, and has always held to her brothers and sisters the double relation of mother and sister.

Caroline Comfort Fyfe, b. Feb. 2, 1826; d. Sept. 10, 1841, at Lockport, N. Y.

Phebe Louisa Fyfe, b. Dec. 28, 1827, Salisbury, Vt.; m. April 16, 1856, to William B. Daharsh, farmer, who was b. March 30, 1830, in Sullivan, Madison co., N. Y.; resided for a time in Holland, Sheboygan co.; moved in 1869 to South Pass precinct, Lancaster co., Nebraska, where they now reside. They have five children, all born in Holland, Sheboygan co., Wisconsin: Emma Elizabeth, William, Albert, Darwin, Elmer.

Elizabeth Fyfe, b. Jan. 30, 1830, Salisbury, Vt.; m. Nov. 1852, Lima, Sheboygan co., Wisconsin, to Merit S. Clark, who was b. Jan 6, 1827, in Ohio; he d. April 27, 1854; m. Sept. 26, 1855, for second husband, Simeon L. Smith, who was b. in Virgil, Courtland co., N. Y., Feb. 13, 1822; occupation, farmer; residence, Lyndon, Sheboygan co., Wisconsin. One child by first husband, Lucy G. Clark; four children

by second husband: Eli J. Smith, Edgar L. Smith, E. Morris Smith, Simeon L. Smith; last two, twins.

Jane Honora Eyfe, b. Jan. 30, 1832; m. March 28, 1855, at Lima, Wisconsin, J. C. Chapman, b. in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, Nov. 29, 1827; occupation, manufacturer of heavy woolens; residence, Menosha, Wisconsin, at the foot of Lake Winnebago. Eight children: William, Jane, Lucy, Ellen, Emma, Bessie, Nettie, John.

James Monoah Eyfe, twin brother of last above, b. Jan. 30, 1832; m. Nov. 29, 1859, Emily J. Cook, daughter of David Cook and Lenna Palmer, b. April 20, 1839, in Hanover, Beaver co., Penn.; occupation, farmer; in 1869, moved to Cole, Story co., Iowa; became Methodist preacher in 1866; in 1867 moved to Dade co., Missouri, where he now resides. Five children: Arthur, James, John, infant son died at birth, Mary Elizabeth, Reuben Morris.

Morris M. Eyfe, b. Sept. 27, 1834, Lima; in 1860, visited Pike's Peak; in 1861, entered Union Army, 4th Wisconsin Infantry, afterwards cavalry; in April 1864, shot through the lungs with Minie ball, returned home August 1864; m. March 1, 1866, to Marion E. Seekins, daughter of Erastus Seekins and Ann Knapp, his wife, b. March 25, 1848; in 1866, moved to Iowa, Sac co., where they reside; occupation, a farmer. Five children: Emma D., Jennie E., Ellen L., Franklin M., Mary A.; post-office address, Newell, Buena Vista co., Iowa.

Martha Antoinette Eyfe, b. Sept. 2, 1837, at Barre, N. Y.; m. Dec. 25, 1862, David F. Johnston, who entered the U. S. Army, Feb. 14, 1861, and died April 5, 1864, in hospital at Madison, Wisconsin; m. Nov. 4, 1868, for second husband, Isaac N. Smith, born in Ohio, April 21, 1813. Two children: one by first marriage, Halbert D. Johnson; one by second marriage, Florian G. Smith.

Clarissa Agnes Fyfe, b. Feb. 8, 1841; m. E. C. Butters as his second wife, March 25, 1866, at Lyndon, Wisconsin; occupation, farmer; residence, Lyndon.

Helen A. R. Fyfe, b. Dec. 10, 1842, resides with her sister Emily and brother David, at Gibbsville, Wisconsin.

David Sanford Fyfe, b. Jan. 3, 1847, resides at Gibbsville, Wisconsin.

3d Generation. Children of Claudius Lycias Fyfe, son of John and Elizabeth Fyfe.

Ellen Fyfe Mott, b. Feb. 23, 1826, Brandon, Vt.; m. July 19, 1851, to Dr. James Newton Mott, in Otsego, Michigan. He was born Feb. 2, 1826, in Lyons, Wayne Co. N. Y., son of Freeman Hopkins Mott, an eminent physician of that place; graduate of Genessee Medical College, N. Y.; moved to Hillsdale, Michigan, practiced his profession with success; died July 17, 1866. They had three children, Mary Ellen, Carrie Gilbert, Edward Barton.

Anne Fyfe, b. Oct. 26, 1827, at Brandon, Vt.; occupation, teacher; residence, Detroit, Michigan.

Marion Fyfe, b. Dec. 6, 1830; m. Oct. 25, 1851, John Rice Gregory Tarbell, son of John Grosvener Tarbell, clergyman, and Eunice Gregory Rice, his wife; occupation, banker and real estate agent; residence, Detroit; three children, Ossian, Mary Gregory, Anna Louisa.

Jennie Fyfe, b. July 26, 1833, occupation, teacher, assistant principal of school at Winona, Wisconsin; volunteered service in military hospital in civil war; served one year as teacher among freedmen. In a letter of Dec. 20, 1875, she speaks of her experience in the hospital at Paducah, Ky. "An attack upon the city was made but five days after my arrival, and a party of about one hundred of Forrest's

men, leaving the main body, came to our hospital so I was at once initiated. After firing a few times into the windows of the building, they entered, plundered, tried to take a few prisoners, and finally departed, when tidings came that our men at the fort were repulsing the enemy * * * It sickens me, even now, to think of those low, drunken men, for really drunk did they become before they left, presenting their pistols to the breasts of the sick men, with demand for their money."

In relation to her experience among freedmen after the war, the same letter says: "In my efforts for the freedmen I experienced real persecution. Threats and mobs are sufficiently severe to encounter in the peaceable work of striving to make newly made citizens fit for their citizenship; but the cold sneer, the passing by on the other side, etc., etc., of one's former acquaintances is the harder I believe. The former arouses, the latter does much more."

Mary A. Eyffe, b. March 26, 1837, at Oak Orchard Creek, N. Y.; m. Oct. 6, 1857, at Hillsdale, Michigan, George Harvey Miles, of Rutland, Mass., son of Deacon Joseph Miles; b. Nov. 15, 1833; he was educated at Amherst College; ordained for the ministry (Congregational); had charge of several churches; died Aug. 2, 1871; residence of widow, Lansing, Michigan. Two children: Mary Della, Mabelle Martha Grace.

Richard Henry Eyffe, b. Jan. 5, 1839, at Oak Orchard Creek, Orleans co., N. Y.; moved with parents to Michigan; served one year in drug store, at Kalamazoo; moved to Detroit, entered wholesale shoe establishment as clerk, which he now owns and conducts with success; m. Oct. 27, Abby Lucretia Albee Rice, daughter of Abraham W. Rice; b. in Marlboro, Mass., Aug. 18, 1849; her father was son of Eli Rice; b. Oct. 8, 1777, who was a son of Peter

Rice, b. March 29, 1749; who was a son of Abraham Rice, b. June 29, 1719; who was a son of Peter Rice, b. Oct. 21, 1658; who was a son of Thomas Rice, b. ——; who was a son of Edmund Rice, b. 1594, in Barkhampstead, Hertfordshire, England; settled in Sudbury, Mass., in 1639; (see history of Rice family, by Andrew Henshaw, A. M.); her mother was daughter of Moses Albee and Lucretia Howard his wife, families traceable through many generations.

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4th Generation. Children of Jane Austin daughter of Doris Hooker.

Sylphyna J. Austin, b. Feb. 27, 1849; m. Jan. 1, 1875, George W. Lillie; occupation, farmer; residence, Dayton, N. Y.

Mary A. Austin, b. March 27, 1861.

Ellen D. Austin, b. March 26, 1872.

Samuel H. Austin, b. Dec. 8, 1874.

4th Generation. Children of Emma Strong Shaw, daughter of Doris Hooker.

Herbert Cortland Shaw, b. Oct. 8, 1855.

Hamlin Fyfe Shaw, b. Feb. 11, 1861.

Susan Dell Shaw, b. Oct. 25, 1862.

Nellie Grace Shaw, b. March 30, 1870.

4th Generation. Children of Aaron Fyfe Perry, son of Elizabeth Perry.

Ella, b. Dec. 11, 1843; d. June 9, 1854.

Mary, b. Dec. 1, 1845; m. Feb. 21, 1871, Herbert Jenney; b. Aug. 12, 1839; occupation, lawyer; residence, Cincinnati, Ohio. Three children: Perry Williams, Margaret, Herbert Russell.

Leonora, b. June 11, 1848; d. July 6, 1849.

Elizabeth, b. July 3, 1850; m. Nov. 5, 1872, Dr. [illegible]anan J. Groesbeck, son of Hon. W. S. Groesbeck, of Cincinnati, graduate of Harvard College, of Mi-

ami Medical College, of Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, Scotland; residence, Baltimore, Md. Children: Elizabeth Granville. William Gerald. Herman Vladimer.

Nelson Williams Perry, b. May 22, 1853; Education, Public Schools of Cincinnati, Phillips' Exeter Academy, Harvard College; now in senior year of School of Mines, connected with Columbia College, N. Y.

Granville Perry, b. Feb. 8, 1856; d. June 12, 1856.

Edith Strong Perry, b. Aug. 6, 1861, now in Miss Nourse's school for young ladies, Cincinnati.

4th Generation. Children of Phebe Louisa Daharsh, daughter of James Fyfe.

Emma Elizabeth Daharsh, b. July 28, 1857.
William Daharsh, b. Dec. 2, 1859.
Albert Daharsh, b. Nov. 6, 1862.
Darwin Daharsh, b. March 8, 1865.
Elmer Daharsh, b. March 16, 1869.

4th Generation. Children of Elizabeth Fyfe Smith, daughter of James Fyfe.

Lucy G. Clark, b. July 24, 1853, by first husband.

Eli J. Smith, b. July 24, 1856, by second husband.

Edgar L. Smith, b. July 30, 1861, } Twins.
E. Morris Smith, b. July 30, 1861, }
Simeon L. Smith, b. July 3, 1870.

4th Generation. Children of Jane Honorah Chapman, daughter of James Fyfe.

William Chapman, b. Feb. 23, 1856.
Jane Chapman, b. June 12, 1857.
Lucy Chapman, b. Feb. 27, 1863.

Ellen Chapman, b. Oct. 10, 1861.

Emma Chapman, b. July 20, 1867; d. April 28, 1868.

Bessie Chapman, b. Sept. 14, 1869; d. April 8, 1870.

Nettie Chapman, b. June 24, 1872; d. Sept. 23, 1874.

John Chapman, b. April 30, 1874.

4th Generation. Children of James Manoah Fyfe, son of James Fyfe.

Arthur James Fyfe, b. Dec. 14, 1864.

John Fyfe, } b. Sept. 3, 1868.

Infant son, } " " " d. at birth.

Mary Elizabeth Fyfe, b. May 22, 1872; d. Sept. 9, 1873.

Reuben Morris Fyfe, b. Sept. 29, 1873.

All in Dade co., Missouri.

4th Generation. Children of Morris M. Fyfe, son of James Fyfe.

Emma D. Fyfe, b. Nov. 12, 1866, Douglass, Sac co., Iowa; d. Oct. 18, 1868.

Jennie E. Fyfe, b. Feb. 5, 1869, Douglass, Sac co.

Ellen L. Fyfe, b. Nov 24, 1870, Douglass, Sac co.; d. Sept. 21, 1875.

Franklin M. Fyfe, b. Oct. 31, 1872, Douglass, Sac co.

Mary A. Fyfe, b. Oct. 13, 1873, Douglass, Sac co.

P. O. address of all, at Newell, Buena Vista co., Iowa.

4th Generation. Children of Maria Antoinette Smith, daughter of James Fyfe.

Halbert D. Johnson, b. Dec. 4, 1863, by first husband.

Florian G. Smith, b. Dec. 30, 1869, by second husband.

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